

# Presentation

<b>Agenda Item #</b>	2
<b>Meeting Date</b>	4 September 2007
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<b>Discussion Item</b>	Presentation of Wallace Montgomery & Associates Neighborhood Traffic Calming Studies – Long Branch/Sligo, New Hampshire Gardens, Pinecrest
<b>Background</b>	<p>While the City has the capacity to apply traffic calming techniques to individual roadways, there is no in-house capacity to evaluate a roadway network. Frequently, small changes on one street negatively impact the rest of the roadway system.</p> <p>In 2006, several neighborhoods requested assistance with traffic calming on a neighborhood level. Subsequently, staff offered all neighborhoods the opportunity to propose a study for their area. In the spring of 2007, the City contracted with Wallace Montgomery &amp; Associates (WMA) to conduct neighborhood traffic calming studies of the three neighborhoods selected: Long Branch Sligo, New Hampshire Gardens, and Pinecrest.</p> <p>WMA met with residents of the three neighborhoods, completed studies of traffic in the areas, and developed recommendations that were delivered to the City. The results of these studies and the recommendations are to be presented to the Council on September 4.</p> <p>The studies may be viewed online at:</p> <p><a href="http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/hcd/transportation.html">http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/hcd/transportation.html</a></p>
<b>Policy</b>	<p><u>Takoma Park Master Plan Adopted December 2000</u></p> <p>Protect residential neighborhoods from commercial and through traffic. To discourage through traffic from using local streets, the City of Takoma Park seeks to reduce operating speeds by installing speed humps, ovals, all way stop signs and other impediments. The City also encourages walking, biking, transit use, telecommuting and flexible work schedules.</p> <p>Where very few cars use a street, and sidewalks are not desired by residents, a mixed street can be designated. Traffic calming measures should be considered along both selected Major Neighborhood Routes and other local neighborhood streets.</p>
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	\$100,000 is budgeted in FY08 for various pedestrian safety capital improvements.

<b>Attachments</b>	None
<b>Recommendation</b>	Listen to the presentation and schedule a public hearing to accept comments on the recommendations.
<b>Special Consideration</b>	